

Amendment No.

Purpose: To promote emergency preparedness and coordinate emergency preparedness activities.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

S. 2452

To establish the Department of National Homeland Security and the National Office for Combating Terrorism.

Amendment intended to be proposed by Mr. Durbin to the bill proposed by Mr. Lieberman.

Viz.:

1 At the appropriate place, insert the following:

2 **TITLE XX—NATIONAL EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS**
3 **ENHANCEMENT**

4 **SEC. XX01. SHORT TITLE.**

5 This title may be cited as the “National Emergency Preparedness
6 Enhancement Act of 2002”.

7 **SEC. XX02. PREPAREDNESS INFORMATION AND EDUCATION.**

8 (a) **ESTABLISHMENT OF CLEARINGHOUSE.**—There is established in the
9 Department a National Clearinghouse on Emergency Preparedness (referred
10 to in this section as the “Clearinghouse”). The Clearinghouse shall be headed
11 by a Director.

12 (b) **CONSULTATION.** -The Clearinghouse shall consult with such heads of
13 Federal agencies, such task forces appointed by Federal officers or employees,
14 and such representatives of the private sector, as appropriate, to collect
15 information on emergency preparedness, including information relevant to the
16 Strategy.

1 (c) DUTIES.

2 (1) DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION. -The Clearinghouse shall ensure
3 efficient dissemination of accurate emergency preparedness information.

4 (2) CENTER.—The Clearinghouse shall establish a one-stop center for
5 emergency preparedness information, which shall include a website, with links
6 to other relevant Federal websites, a telephone number, and staff, through
7 which information shall be made available on—

8 (A) ways in which States, political subdivisions, and private entities can access
9 Federal grants;

10 (B) emergency preparedness education and awareness tools that businesses,
11 schools, and the general public can use; and

12 (C) other information as appropriate.

13 (3) PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGN. -The Clearinghouse shall develop
14 a public awareness campaign. The campaign shall be ongoing, and shall
15 include an annual theme to be implemented during the National Emergency
16 Preparedness Week established in Section XX04 of this Title. The
17 Clearinghouse shall work with heads of Federal agencies to coordinate public
18 service announcements and other information-sharing tools utilizing a wide
19 range of media.

20 (4) BEST PRACTICES INFORMATION. -The Clearinghouse shall compile
21 and disseminate information on best practices for emergency preparedness
22 identified by the Secretary and the heads of other Federal agencies.

23 **SEC. XX03. PILOT PROGRAM.**

24 (a) EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS ENHANCEMENT PILOT
25 PROGRAM.--The Department shall award grants to private entities to pay for
26 the Federal share of the cost of improving emergency preparedness and
27 educating employees and other individuals using the entities' facilities about

emergency preparedness.

2 (b) USE OF FUNDS. -An entity that receives a grant under this subsection
3 may use the funds made available through the grant to—

4 (1) develop evacuation plans and drills;

5 (2) plan additional or improved security measures, with an emphasis on
6 innovative technologies or practices;

7 (3) deploy innovative emergency preparedness technologies; or

8 (4) educate employees and customers about the development and planning
9 activities described in subparagraphs (1) and (2) in innovative ways.

10 (c) FEDERAL SHARE. -The Federal share of the cost described in paragraph

1 (a) shall be 50 percent, up to a maximum of \$250,000 per grant recipient.

12 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS—There is to be appropriated
13 \$5,000,000 for each of fiscal year 2003 through fiscal year 2005 to carry out
14 the provisions of this section.

5 **SEC. XX04**

16 **DESIGNATION OF NATIONAL EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS** 17 **WEEK.**

18 (a) NATIONAL WEEK.

19 (1) DESIGNATION--Each week that includes September 11 is “National
20 Emergency Preparedness Week”.

21 (2) PROCLAMATION--The President is requested every year to issue a
22 proclamation calling on the people of the United States (including State and
23 local governments and the private sector) to observe the week with appropriate
24 activities and programs.

25 (b) FEDERAL AGENCY ACTIVITIES.—In conjunction with National
26 Emergency Preparedness Week, the head of each Federal agency, as
27 appropriate, shall—

- 1 (1) coordinate with the Department to inform and educate the private sector
- 2 and the general public about emergency preparedness activities, resources, and
- 3 tools, giving a high priority to emergency preparedness efforts designed to
- 4 address terrorist attacks.